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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ/VISIT TO ISRAEL-PROPOSED TOAST
FOR NOV. 17 DINNER AT AMB.'S RESIDENCE

1. AFTER A BRIEF INTRODUCTION BY AMB. TOON, SEC. BUTZ
MAY WISH PROPOSE TOAST ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. MR. MINISTER, MRS. UZAN, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE FOR ME
AND MY WIFE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ISRAEL.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN HERE ONLY A FEW HOURS, I HAVE ALREADY
BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE DYNAMISM OF YOUR PEOPLE AND
YOUR AGRICULTURE. AS WE TRAVELED IN THE NORTH THIS
AFTERNOON, I COULD NOT HELP BUT NOTICE THE IMMENSE
NATURAL BARRIERS WHICH THIS HISTORIC LAND PRESENTS TO
FARMING. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE TRULY IMPRESSIVE
WHEN ONE SEES THE SOIL AND WATER CONDITIONS WHICH YOU
HAVE HAD TO CONFRONT. YOU HAVE NOT ONLY MET THE CHALLENGE
OF THESE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT YOU HAVE DEVELOPED
ONE OF THE MOST MODERN AGRICULTURES IN THE WORLD. YOU
ARE OBVIOUSLY PROUD OF IT, AS YOU RIGHTLY DESERVE TO BE.
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR TRIP TO THE SOUTH
TOMORROW AND TO THE VISIT TO MINISTER UZAN'S MOSHAV.

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3. THE OCCASION OF MY VISIT TO ISRAEL AND TONIGHT'S DINNER IN PARTICULAR ARE VERY HAPPY EVENTS FOR MRS. BUTZ AND MYSELF. BUT I CANNOT FAIL TO TAKE NOTE ALSO OF THE DARKER EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS. PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND OUR OWN AMBASSADOR HERE ALREADY HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE PASSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS LAST WEEK. OUR OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO LEFT NO ONE IN DOUBT ABOUT OUR REJECTION OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR ABHORRENCE AT THE VIOLENCE AND BRUTALITY EMPLOYED BY THEM. I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU-- AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL--MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OVER THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE RESULTING FROM THE TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN JERUSALEM LAST THURSDAY; OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS.

4. I AM ALSO DEEPLY AWARE THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN JERUSALEM LAST THURSDAY NIGHT WAS NOT AN ISOLATED EVENT, BUT PART OF A CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WHICH HAS ENGULFED THIS AREA. THIS CYCLE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, HAS NOT BEEN CONFINED TO WARS BETWEEN ARMIES. MORE AND MORE IT DIRECTLY AFFECTS CIVILIAN POPULATIONS-- THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALL THE NATIONALITIES AND RELIGIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. WE CANNOT STAND BY IMPOTENTLY AS THIS CYCLE ENDLESSLY REPEATS ITSELF. WE MUST TOGETHER FIND THE WAY TO BRING VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM TO AN END. I KNOW THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH MINE, IS DEEPLY COMMITTED AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN TRYING TO OPEN UP THE PATHS OF ACCOMMODATION, COMPROMISE AND COEXISTENCE. LAST YEAR'S DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND THE RECENTLY ATTAINED INTERIM ACCORD WITH EGYPT ARE IMPORTANT STEPS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE, TOGETHER WITH ALL MEN OF REASON AND GOOD WILL IN THE AREA, WILL FIND OTHER STEPS TO TAKE. THE GOAL IS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL--A DURABLE AND JUST PEACE. I KNOW THAT THIS IS THE HOPE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL--AND IT IS OURS AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAISING YOUR GLASSES TO A PROSPEROUS, HAPPY, AND PEACEFUL FUTURE NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS TROUBLED PART OF THE WORLD BUT FOR ALL MANKIND. LECHAIM (TO LIFE).
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